

## DATE IS FIXED.

Burlington Fall Festival Will Be Held from August 31 to September 5.

The organization of the Burlington Fall Festival has been completed and the men who fill the offices are well known for their push and energy in making everything they have a hand in a success.

The officers chosen are:  
W. B. McKillip, president and director general.  
Charles E. Pease, treasurer.

C. A. Barber, secretary and director of concessions.  
J. J. Flynn, chairman of all committees.

M. D. McMahon, supt. of grounds and director of transportation.

L. M. Hays, director of amusements and publicity.

The date set for the festival is the week of August 31 to September 5 inclusive. Everything is moving along nicely and the festival promises to be a huge success. Extremely low rates are to be established on all the lines of railroads and steamboats, and crowds are expected from all quarters.

In the line of amusements nothing but the best and most novel will be engaged. Last week Mr. Barber put the query to the boys and girls of Burlington: "Would you like a Ferris wheel at the festival?" This question had no sooner appeared in the papers of the city than the youngsters flocked to Mr. Barber's quarters in great numbers, all enthusiastic in their demands for a Ferris wheel, and this will be one of the events at the festival.

As rapidly as the attractions are secured, and the other details brought into line, announcements will be made so that the people within a radius of 200 miles of Burlington may know just what to expect when the day of the festival is reached.

## WEST ARLINGTON

Mr and Mrs L. Brown of Rensselaer and friend, are spending the week with Mr and Mrs F. M. Smith.

Henry Hoyt, who has been passing several weeks visiting in the east, left for his home in Aurora, Ill., on Monday.

Mrs Willis has returned from her trip to the Adirondacks. Her son Earl came on for a brief visit with relatives.

Mrs Calahan and son have returned to their home in Albany Co., after a week's visit with her friend, Mrs H. T. Eaton.

The weather the past week has been quite comfortable for haymaking. Several of our farmers have their well under way, however.

Last Sunday at the usual services, Mr and Mrs John C. Poor were admitted to the West Arlington church by letter. Their children Raymond, and Maud were baptised.

Mrs Oscar Tefft of Arlington, was a guest, last Saturday of Mrs H. G. Buck. Miss Jessie Tefft was in town on that day attending to her music pupils, of which there are four in this vicinity.

Rev H. L. Kilton and family left on Monday for a carriage drive in the north part of the state, for three weeks vacation. Next Sunday the pulpit will be occupied by Alexander Skills, of Cambridge.

## PERU.

Not good weather for haying.

Mrs M. B. Lyon is visiting her daughter, Mrs Fuller, in Clarendon.

Mr and Mrs John Davis of Bennington were at Alvin Jones' recently.

The ice cream sale at J. M. Stone's Wednesday evening was well attended.

Mr and Mrs M. D. Batchelder of St Helena, Island, S. C., F. E. Batchelder of Cambridge, Mass., and H. Fox Davis of Manchester, N. H., are at Charles Batchelder's.

W. E. L. Walker and wife of Grafton were at the Bromley House Saturday. Dr and Mrs B. G. Clark and two children of New York City, spent Sunday there.

Prof Wild of Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., with his wife and son: Payson S. Wild and Seargent Wild, and Dr H. T. Goodwin of Chicago; Mrs Benjamin Stern and two children are boarding at the Bromley House.

## HOOSICK, N. Y.

Mrs Fred Armstrong spent Wednesday at Pownal.

Mr and Mrs Joseph Dennis of the Babcock House have moved to Williamstown.

Mr and Mrs Edward Williams and daughter of Troy spent last Sunday with Mr and Mrs David Jepson.

Miss Margaret Hughes of Hoosick Falls is visiting Mrs Augustus Oliver.

S. F. Benn left for Albany last Friday to be absent four weeks.

Miss Alice Boyd of Glen, Mont. Co., is visiting Miss Bessie K. Myers.

George Armstrong of Albany spent last Sunday at home.

Miss Laura Rudd from the west is visiting relatives in town.

Moss Stearns of Berlin is stopping at R. C. Brown's.

Bert Crandall of New Haven, Conn., is visiting his cousins, the Misses Ellen and Sarah Crandall and at R. C. Brown's.

## BATTLE DAY CELEBRATION.

As Usual, Father Matthew Society Will Take Hold of It.

As customary for several years, Bennington battle day will be celebrated here under the auspices of the F. M. T. A. B. society which will hold its annual field day and picnic in Hunt's grove.

As the 16th this year comes on Sunday, the celebration will occur Saturday for which a splendid program is being prepared.

The leading feature will be a horse race in which all the local companies and the one from North Bennington will compete for a trumpet. There will also be a base ball game, and other athletic sports, music and dancing.

The details of the program will be given later.

## POWNA

Miss Nellie E. Grady was in Hoosick Falls for Sunday.

Mr Frohman and family of Troy are at the Niles farm house.

George W. Otis of North Adams occupied the M. E. pulpit Sunday.

Mr Crandall has returned from Baltimore where he has spent the winter. John Tighe is confined to the house, having had a number of attacks recently.

Rev and Mrs A. H. Simons of New York City are the guests of F. J. Pettibone.

Mrs A. B. Gardner and son A. B. Jr., went to Rutland Wednesday to visit Mrs R. H. Miner.

E. Stanley Sloat, wife and daughter Evelyn of Patterson, N. J., are the guests of Mrs A. G. Parker.

Dr B. O. Barber went to West Troy Monday on receiving a message that his brother, Col Merritt Barber was worse.

Theresa McAdoo of Williamstown who was the guest of Miss Theresa Pratt for several days, returned home Saturday.

Mrs C. F. Butler and Miss Lena Myers of Soudkale and Miss Annie Smith of Troy were guests at the M. E. parsonage Monday.

Mrs S. G. Bentley and Theodore L. Root of Winsted, Conn., were the guests of Mrs Bentley's daughter, Mrs R. H. Washburne recently.

Miss Laura Pelletier is suffering a great deal of pain from sciatic rheumatism and is being cared for by a doctor from Williamstown.

Joseph Taylor and the Misses Fannie Blair and Teresa Stenwald of New York, who have been at A. H. Potter's for two weeks, returned home Saturday.

Supt William A. Hermon and wife left for New York Monday where Mr Hermon is an important witness in a suit brought against the Wright's Health Underwear Co.

The Ladies' Industrial Society of the Baptist church meets again next Wednesday, July 29th. Committee in charge, Mrs G. T. Parker, Mrs Lelah McCumber and Miss M. E. Parker.

Mrs Joseph J. Bechard and two daughters have gone to Princeton, Mass., to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs C. E. Potter. Before returning home, Mrs Bechard will visit relatives in Boston.

Joseph Kedian, formerly proprietor of the Exchange Hotel in this village, has forfeited his license in Dover, N. H., where he was running a hotel, because he sold liquor to other than guests on Sunday.

Some miscreant pulled up Fred Woodcock's garden Friday night. This was a despicable, cowardly trick, and no one but an extremely mean person would do such a thing. It is hoped that the worse-than-thief may be discovered.

Ernest Burgess and William Colwell received an unexpected bath last Saturday. While driving through the river, their wagon was overturned and both got a thorough ducking. The water was shallow so there was no danger.

Samuel Wright and daughter, Washington, Mass., Henry W. Seeley of Williamstown and Miss Tibbitts of England made the ascent of the west mountain Saturday and visited "Snow-hole." They found no snow but any quantity of ice.

David Towles has probably grown the greatest curiosity ever produced in the corn line. On May 28th he planted "Judge" permission to get a load which however turned out to be of gigantic dimensions, and the "demon" showed the Banner correspondent a stem which he had broken off near the ground from a stalk of corn which had apparently 50 well developed kernels of corn. Who can equal this?

A certain deacon of the Baptist church is wondering where his winter supply of coal is coming from. He had a carload come to North Pownal which was a little more than sufficient to supply the needs of his family. He gave the "judge" permission to get a load which however turned out to be of gigantic dimensions, and the "demon" showed the Banner correspondent a stem which he had broken off near the ground from a stalk of corn which had apparently 50 well developed kernels of corn. Who can equal this?

Miss Mildred Holland, the famous actress, writing from Moscow, Russia, to a friend in Bennington, says that she was particularly fascinated at seeing the throne room, which is reproduced in one of the acts of "The Triumph of an Empress," her new play. Miss Holland says she has just returned from the Kremlin and wishes to be remembered to her many Bennington friends.

## CHARMING RECEPTION.

Given by Miss Harriet Sibley in Honor of Miss Harwood.

A pleasant social function of last week was the reception given by Miss Harriet Sibley for her niece Miss Harriet D. Harwood, whose marriage to Rev Joseph Lyman will occur early in August.

The bride to be is a favorite in the community and her departure is universally regretted. It seemed peculiarly fitting therefore that her farewell to many friends should be spoken in the old family home. Many flowers and ferns were in evidence throughout the house, special color schemes being used in the decoration of different rooms. A large and representative company enjoyed the graceful hospitality dispensed by Miss Sibley.

## BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

Miss Kittie Leahy is visiting relatives in Utica.

Harry McKeon is home from Chester for a couple of weeks.

George Worthington and family are at Watch Hill for two weeks.

Mrs. Thomas Cullion has gone to Ashbury Park, N. J., for a few weeks' outing.

Rev C. E. Prevost returned from his vacation in Canada and other places.

Larry Smith of Greenfield is spending a few weeks at his uncle's, C. S. Morse.

Mrs Katherine Connor and granddaughter are visiting Mrs Whitney of Springfield.

Miss Ethel Tower of Clatskanie, Ill., is spending several weeks with the Lyons family.

Henry O. Edson, well known resident of Rutland, was yesterday struck by lightning and killed.

Miss Katherine Gunshannon of New York city has been visiting her sister, Mrs Cornelius Cook.

Mr and Mrs G. E. Harrington have returned home from visiting their son Norman of Holyoke.

William Sheldon of Somerville, Mass., is a guest of Mr and Mrs E. B. Patterson a couple of weeks.

E. E. Hart and family started Monday for North Ferrisburg on Lake Champlain on a two weeks outing.

John Donnelly of Vergennes, who has been visiting friends in town for several days, has returned to his home.

Clarence and Wayne Morse have returned home after a visit with relatives in Wilmington and Wardsboro.

The Methodist and Congregational Sunday schools will hold a basket picnic at Lake Emerald, Dorset, to-morrow.

Roscoe Powell, draftsman for the Lasher & Bradford company, is spending his vacation in Gloversville, N. Y.

The owner of the Columbian House has been here from Saratoga for a few days superintending some repairs on the hotel.

The Bennington base ball team will play the North Adams Y. M. C. A. on the local grounds Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr and Mrs Fisher of North Adams and Mrs Peck of Boston are spending a few days with Mrs Eleanor Houghton on Division-st.

Mrs Carl Hurlburt gave a lawn party last evening at her home on Bradford-st for the benefit of her circle of the Methodist church.

The engagement of Miss Nellie Demarest of Paterson N. J., a member of the faculty of Columbia Shorthand college, to Roscoe M. Burch formerly of this village has been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt. Goodkind and his sister are stopping here for a time. Mr. Goodkind is a former resident of Bennington Center. He is now connected with Leslie's Weekly.

Elton Orcutt who forty years ago was a resident of this village, his home being with Mr and Mrs L. M. Holton is visiting here. He is accompanied by a daughter Mrs Hoek and son. He is now a resident of Kalamazoo Mich, and this is his first trip east since he left here. His wife who has been dead several years was a niece of former Hiland Hall.

Of the members of the Bennington company, Company A, of the 2nd Vermont Volunteers who were in the battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861, the following are now living in this town: James H. Walbridge, captain; Charles M. Bliss of Woodford, 2nd Sergeant; James A. N. Williams, 5th corporal; William E. Murphy, 8th corporal; Andrew J. Downs, Charles Dunn, John B. Fox, William H. Sears and Leonard M. Towsley, privates. The 2nd Vermont was the only Vermont regiment in the battle.

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Mrs Eleanor Bradford is visiting at Dewey Lodge, Woodford.

J. A. N. Williams, sister and daughter are visiting in Scranton, Pa.

The Misses Lyon of Orange N. J. are visiting the Misses Clark a Fernhurst.

Louis Puffer, Forest Kehoe and Robert Jepson are camping at Big Pond, Woodford.

Nicholas Noveck, who has been in New York City on a business trip, has returned.

Sidney S. Pike, son of Sele Pike, who has been very ill, was much better yesterday.

Miss Anna Smith of Troy, N. Y., is visiting Mrs Washburne at the Methodist parsonage.

A J. Dewey and wife were among those registered at the Berwick house in Rutland Monday.

Dr P. W. Goodall has with him two sisters from Greensboro who will remain with him a few weeks.

The St Peter's Sunday School has postponed its excursion to Lake Emerald until Wednesday, July 29.

F. B. Edgerton has the contract to erect a \$3000 residence for Charles R. Sanford at Bennington Center.

Miss Katherine Niles, a student of the Albany Business college, was a guest of Mrs Lowrie over Sunday.

The Misses Addie Javery and Ames Dorin spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Charles Meiller in Rutland.

Miss Emilie L. Palmer and Miss Mabel E. Palmer of Brooklyn are the guests of Mr and Mrs E. L. Nichols.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. will arrive on the flyer this afternoon for a short visit to his sister, Mrs E. Parmelee Prentice.

Mrs J. A. Sipperly who has been visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs G. A. Wattles, for several weeks will return home Monday.

The Rev John J. Blair of Springfield, Mass., will preach in the Second Congregational church next Sunday morning and evening.

The afternoon train on the Chatham division of the Rutland railroad now leaves at 5:30 o'clock, the schedule on which it ran for years.

T. A. Carpenter and sons have just contracted to build the paper mill recently destroyed by fire, and owned by the Stark Paper Co. at Sodom.

J. Charles Moore started Saturday to begin work this week in Pittsfield, Mass., where he was employed a few years ago. His family will remain here until fall.

There will be a meeting for prayer in the Methodist church Sunday morning at ten o'clock. At 10:30 a. m. the pastor, W. H. Washburne, will speak on, "What if some did not believe," and in the evening on, "In the presence of our enemies."

Miss Maud Marshall of Hudson was a guest of Miss Grace Hannon over Sunday. On her way here Miss Marshall lost a diamond ring out of the car window at Hoosick Junction. Mr Hannon, upon hearing of this, went to the Junction and found the ring beside the track.

One of the linemen in the employ of the New England Telephone Co. came near being electrocuted yesterday afternoon by coming in contact with a live wire while at work upon a pole. The wire carried a current of 2,000 volts. The man was thrown to the ground but not seriously injured.

The annual meeting under the new by-laws of Co. K was held Tuesday evening of last week. The annual reports were read and the following officers elected: Secretary, Quartermaster Downs; treasurer, First Sergeant Forbes. The board of directors consists of the three commissioned officers the secretary, Sergeants Forbes and Foster, and Private Gokay.

When Charles H. Darling of Bennington was a member of the legislature in 1896, he impressed all his associates with his marked ability, his exceeding sense of fairness and his attention to business. All of these qualities he is displaying as assistant secretary of the navy, so that it is no surprise to hear him mentioned as a promising candidate to succeed Secretary Moody.—Randolph Herald and News.

A pleasing incident occurred a few days ago on one of the electric cars. The conductor got off at the Putnam House to deliver a package in the hotel. A small boy who was sitting in the rear of the car climbed upon the seat and rang the bell to go ahead. The motorman ran the car for some distance before he was aware that the conductor was missing and then he went back to the Putnam after him. What the conductor said to the boy is not known.

## CLOSED THEIR DOORS.

Charles G. Coles Entire Stock In The Hands of G. W. Groves & Co.

Bennington's Great Clothing House closed their store Wednesday July 22 at 11 a. m. The store will remain closed until Saturday morning July 25th, at 9 o'clock, when the great sale of this enormous stock will start. Every dollar's worth of fine clothing, hats, caps, furnishing goods, suit cases etc., will be sold in 15 days, no matter what the price may be, as the stock must be turned into money. And remember, everything will be marked in large plain figures and at such low prices that will move it quickly, and you all know the class of goods this house carries and the reputation this firm enjoys. Read the price list and full particulars in to days paper.

Store will open and sale begins Saturday morning July 25 at 9 o'clock. No goods sold before that hour, so be on hand Saturday morning and attend this great sale where \$1.00 will do the work of \$3.00 of the stock of Chas. G. Coles Bennington, Vt., watch for their name over the door.

To avoid making a mistake or being misled, also fixtures, show cases, shelving and counters for sale.

25 salespeople men, women and girls can secure positions.

G. W. Groves & Co., Conductors.—Adv.

## HELP SCARCE.

Plans of the New Company Which is to Occupy the Valentine Mill.

The Coy Babcock company which recently purchased the Valentine Knitting company's plant is having some difficulty in securing help enough to make the necessary changes in the mill before starting the removal of the machinery from Bellows Falls.

One of the largest patrons of the plant is the General Electric company of Schenectady. This company uses a large quantity of a particular kind of waxed paper for insulating purposes. In order to supply the wants of that company one machine has already been put into operation. For every 100 pounds of paper, fifty pounds of pure wax is required for a coating.

## MRS HULING DEAD

Was the Widow of Late Daniel Huling—Age Was 82.

Mrs Sophronia Huling, widow of the late Daniel Huling, died Wednesday morning at her home on South street after a long illness. She was 82 years of age, was born in Whitehall, but most of her life had been passed in this village where her husband was one of the prominent business men.

Mrs Huling was the mother of four children and is survived by two, Mrs Henrietta Starrett of Chicago, and Mrs Charles H. Mason of this village. She is also survived by one brother, Perham Chase of Marshalltown, Iowa. Her funeral will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from her late residence. The interment will be at Shaftsbury.

## GREEN MOUNTAIN VALLEY SHAFTSBURY

David Hill was in Bennington Sunday.

Engene Lyons was in Boston last week.

Chas. Johnson and wife visited in the place Sunday.

Elmer Harrington of North Bennington was in the place Sunday.

Arthur Elwell and wife of Bennington called on friends Sunday.

Mrs Warner Harrington visited relatives in Bennington this week.

Mrs Eugene Lyons has returned from a months visit in Boston.

Jessie Pierce is sick with typhoid fever, Dr Dean is attending him.

Mrs Chett and sister of Hoosick was at Nelson Walt's the past week.

Benona Harrington is improving, Dr Phillips of Arlington attending him.

Mrs Eleanor Stratton visited her daughter, Mrs Arthur D. Harrington, Monday.

Nelson Walt and wife and master Lowell visited Solomon Niles and wife Sunday.

Mrs Fred Harrington and daughter Nora, of South Shaftsbury visited here Sunday.

Fred Hawks and C. E. Percy of North Bennington were here the past week on business.

E. G. Bronson of Arlington has nearly completed the Munroe mill and it is now nearly ready for operation.

Mrs C. Walt and Mrs E. Elwell of North Bennington enjoyed a carriage ride here the past week and called on relatives.

New offices for the electric light company are being fitted up in the ground floor of the Atwater building on Main street so long occupied by C. H. Potter.

## CURED BY PRAYER.

Complete Restoration from Consumption at Pittsford, Rensselaer County.

Great interest has been aroused at Pittsford, Rensselaer County by the healing of Mrs John C. Brownell wife of the local jeweler in answer to prayer. Mrs. Brownell is a native of Shaftsbury, where her parents still reside and where she is well known. For several years she has suffered from consumption.

She has tried doctors and remedies from far and near but has gradually grown worse and for the past three months has been confined to her bed.

A week ago in answer to prayer Mrs Brownell experienced a healing touch. She immediately arose from her bed, threw away her medicine and walked about the house and yard unassisted.

So thorough was the work of healing that Mrs. Brownell discharged her hired girl and has since attended personally to the duties of her household.

Mr and Mrs. Brownell have been earnest church workers for many years, and their many friends are rejoiced at the restoration of the wife to health.

## NORCROSS BROS FAIL

Owners of Quarries and Other Interests in Manchester and Dorset.

A dispatch in the daily papers stated that the contracting firm of Norcross Bros of Worcester Mass made an assignment Monday and their business is now in the hands of receivers. The firm now has contracts aggregating \$9,000,000. Inability to complete contracts owing to labor troubles is the reason given for their troubles. The firm built the new depot here, the J. C. Colgate house, and have the contract to build the F. B. Jennings house.

They also own marble quarries at South Dorset, marble mills and finishing works at Manchester Depot, and a large interest in the new Manchester, Dorset and Granville railroad.

Mrs Frances Tibbals is visiting friends in Rutland.

Mrs Mary McLeod of Troy is a guest of Mrs L. F. Abbott.

Ernest D. Barber has retired from the restaurant business and resumed the study of law.

On account of the electrical disturbances of late box 56 of the fire alarm is disabled and will be for some days.

The marriage of Lewis Walt to Miss Della LaBell will take place at the residence of George Cary the 28th of this month.

## MANCHESTER DEPOT.

Farmers are commencing haying this week.

Mrs Joseph Eugene slipped and broke her wrist last Wednesday.

James Dean and wife and Henry Deuch and wife went to Proctor Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs Deuch's brother's wife.

Mrs H. C. Reynolds who has been very sick is on the gain slowly.

Mrs. Philinda Blackmer is working for Loren Buckley.

Oto Bennett with a party from New York are camping at Bowen pond for a couple of weeks. Mr Bennett's two boys are stopping with their uncle Willard Bennett.

Mrs Della Lauretti who has been visiting relatives and friends here for the past two weeks returned to her home in Proctor Monday night. Her husband came down Saturday night and went home with her.

## DORSET.

Mrs F. E. Hatch is ill at her home on Main street.